

VET-VET

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LIGHTS UP.

INT. ESCAPE ROOM - NIGHT

KODY (holding a flashlight) and PATRICIA frantically search the room.

PATRICIA

Where is it?

Kody stops and looks around the room.

KODY

Alright, that's it, it's smashin' time.

Patricia stops and looks at Kody.

PATRICIA

He said "search" the room, not "destroy" the room.

KODY

If these animals didn't want to be used as hiding places, they shouldn't have allowed themselves to be taxidermied.

PATRICIA

What?

KODY

I don't know! I'm high! We have nine minutes left to escape before this whole place fills with water! I'm panicking!

PATRICIA

Kody, I'll help you through this the way I help all my patients through this. Take a deep breath, hold it, now exhale.

KODY

Thank you. Is this what they taught you in the army?

PATRICIA

I'm a veterinarian.

KODY

You said you were a vet!

PATRICIA

I am a vet!

KODY

That's the wrong kind of vet!

PATRICIA

Tell that to my patients!

KODY

I would have never agreed to this horrific escape-room date if I knew you weren't a vet-vet!

PATRICIA

Well in eight minutes you're going to feel wet-wet, and then dead-dead, if we don't find the key and escape-scape!

KODY

You being a vet, and us being surrounded by dead stuffed animals... That's a little fishy, don't you think?

PATRICIA

No. What. No.

KODY

Did you set this up? Is this whole thing a setup?

PATRICIA

No. Yes. No. I just wanted to get to know the real you quickly. So I thought I'd put us in a traumatic simulation so we'd bond quicker! How was I supposed to know my ex-boyfriend owns this place and wants to kill me?

KODY

Did he maybe give you some clues when you were dating, Patricia?

PATRICIA

OK, you know what? We can blame me all day and drown together, or we can get this door open and save ourselves! Now what's it gonna be: whiny-baby mode, or take-charge mode?

Kody yells in frustration, then starts swinging the flashlight at every taxidermied animal he can reach. They unexpectedly shatter like pottery in a Zelda game.

KODY

The key!

Kody stoops, picks up the key, and holds it over his head. Patricia whoops, Kody whoops, and they dance for joy. Kody unlocks the door, opens it, and gestures for Patricia to exit. She walks through the door, and he follows her.

EX-BOYFRIEND (V.O.)

Dammit.

PATRICIA

Fuck you, Chad!

KODY

You dated a Chad?

PATRICIA

Fuck you, Kody!

Patricia storms off.

KODY

Hot.

Kody follows Patricia.

GO TO BLACKOUT.